

EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.
BOY AND DOG THRIE.

The Time to Break Yip's and Johnnie's
Plaster Cast Near at Hand.

Probable Entire Success of the
Bone-Grafting.

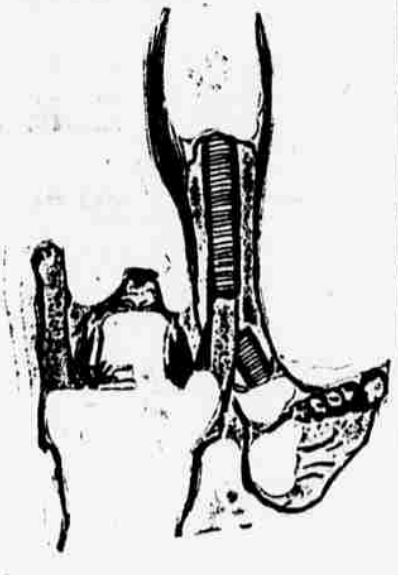
History of This Remarkable Case and
of the Various Operations.

The case of Johnnie Gethas and his dog Yip is one of the most remarkable of modern surgery, and is attracting attention not only all over this country, but also in Europe among people in all walks of life as well as among medical men.

Various theories have been advanced regarding the probable success or failure of the operation, and all sorts of speculation made as to the exact relations which the boy and dog sustain to each other. Definite information regarding any of the attendant circumstances of the bone-grafting has been exceedingly difficult to obtain on account of the extreme reticence of the physicians in charge of the patients.

Those who were present at the operation have had their mouths closed by the chief operator, and some of these even are not exactly clear in their ideas of the manner in which the operation is to be rendered a complete success, or in some instances of how the details were performed.

Constant inquiries are made as to the positions now assumed by the two patients, but so strictly are the instructions of the hospital physicians carried out that even this information is scarcely obtainable.



POSITION OF THE WELDED BONES.

Persistent inquiry from parties who should know all about the operation, however, has enabled THE MORNING WORLD to-day to present for the first time by any paper an illustrated explanation of the operation, what are believed to be the respective attitudes of the boy and the dog, when and how their bones are united, how Johnnie's leg bone will appear if bone union has taken place after Yip has been taken away from him, and how Johnnie's lengthened leg will appear, showing the piece of grafted dog bone.

The first cut represents Johnnie's right leg, with the bone laid bare to show the union of the shin-bone, with the bone of Yip's right foreleg welded to it.

The boy's bone was originally crooked, and the efforts of many surgeons to lengthen it had so broken and shattered it, that it became evident that if the two fractured portions were ever brought together again the poor little fellow's leg would be fully an inch shorter than its mate.

To supply this missing link of bone tissue, the little white pointer was selected as the donor of the bone, which was as long as the boy's leg, and was as straight as a string.

It would seem likely, however, that prolonging this event would be equally as disastrous as making a too previous examination, and it is the prevailing opinion at the hospital that the time is not far distant when the cast will be broken and the union, if successfully begun, will be completed.

Just what is to become of poor Yip, whose fame is now national, is also shrouded in mystery. Some think that she will be killed, but the more sentimentally inclined believe that Johnnie will insist that the surgeons treat her leg so that she will be able to accompany him, although on three legs and a shortened stump.

There is no question but that Johnnie has become attached to her, affectionately as well as physically, and he himself is said to have sworn that she should never want for enough to eat and drink nor a good, comfortable home so long as he is able to provide for her.

There was a strong opinion prevalent at the Hospital this morning that the solution of the question of whether the attempted grafting has proven successful will be speedily known. Johnnie's condition and also that of Yip, the dog, was this morning as favorable as it has been in the last week, and it is because of this continuance of these favorable conditions that it is believed that the secondary or supplemental operation will be performed at an early date.

Just when the plaster cast will be removed from the limbs of the patient is not definitely known. House Surgeon Newman will not, however, take this morning as favorable as the supposed union will be made.

It will be three weeks Sunday since the two bones were first brought together, and it is thought not improbable that the coming Sunday will also see the examination of the graft.

Sunday would appear to be the most likely and available date for the examination, as

patients should the plaster cast be removed. The paw and lower part of the fore-leg of the dog are not visible in the cut, but are still attached to her.

If the removal of the plaster cast shows that bone union has been firmly completed and that Yip is actually an auxiliary of Johnnie's leg another operation will then be performed.

Yip's leg bone will again be severed about an inch from the point of union with Johnnie's. This will not only free the dog from Johnnie, but will also leave an inch of her leg-bone as firmly attached to Johnnie's as if it had always grown there or was originally a part of his limb.

This is clearly represented in the second cut, the little piece of white at the lower extremity of the upper portion of Johnnie's leg, representing Yip's contribution to his anatomy.

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SHADOWY SUECI'S 30TH DAY.

He Has Lost 34 1-2 Pounds Since
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Condition of the Fester as He Passed
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And Was Eddie Up a Ladder, or
Running, at the Time?

Never since that unexplained conundrum, "Who shot Billy Patterson?" has there been a sifter more than the one that is now worrying Roundman George Block, of the Bellevue Hospital Prison, and Detective Lockwood, of the Thirty-third Precinct.

That is the present "pige in clover" problem on which the officers are laboring.

Edward Welch is a handsome young bachelor of twenty-four New York winters. He has a wealth of black hair, a bit of a mustache and shrewd little gray eyes. Manned up to the nose under a quilt, those sharp eyes peer at the caller from the first cut bed in the "cage," Bellevue Hospital.

Edward is a recent man, but he talked just as earnestly yesterday to get into a cell as well as a hospital.

He is a huckster of Jamaica, and he drove up to Bellevue Hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon on his lemon wagon. He alighted with painful effort and limped into the reception-room.

There he related that he lived in bachelor apartment in the Swanwick House, Third Avenue and Sixty-fifth Street, that he was passing through Sixty-fifth Street, between Third Avenue and Eastern Boulevard, on his load of lemons, there came a sting in his left leg, and then he knew that he was shot.

Who the shooter was, Edward had the slightest idea, and later, when Roundman Block reminded him that there was no Eastern Boulevard at Sixty-fifth Street, he concluded that he got hurt in One Hundred and Thirty-third Street.

Now, had Edward been drunk these little things would have been enough; but he was "dead sober," and his discomposure roused the suspicions of Block that Edward was not a simpleton. Block reported Edward as a suspicious person.

Then Dr. Chase, the surgeon who extracted a .38-caliber pistol bullet from the front of Edward's leg, did not allow suspicion when he reported that the bullet had entered just above the knee on the under side of the leg, had travelled upward six inches and around the bone, and came out near the hip joint.

Dr. Chase said with professional confidence that either Edward was up a ladder when he received the bullet, or else he was running, the shooter was behind him, and the pistol pointed just as that legless law had had its ground and was in the air behind the runner.